

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1745.

of a private Letter from an Officer in the Prussian Service, Frankfort, December 25.



Am safely arrived here, after a very fatiguing Campaign, and shall remain in this Part of Germany till towards the Opening of the next; so that you may depend upon my Correspondence for that Time, and upon my Lights that is in my Power to give you. You will judge of my

city by my telling you frankly, that the World is mistaken as to his Prussian Majesty's Conduct. I make no question, that you have represented the Notions about it very fairly. I know your Sentiments, and how far you are attached to the Interest of the Queen of Hungary; but I persuade you, that you will not be displeased to learn the truth, tho' it does not happen to be so much on side as you have hitherto imagined. I have not at present, to enter into an exact Detail of the Campaign, which, very probably, you may receive by a Letter from Berlin, the King having demanded, I left the Camp, most of the General Officers, in order to have such an Account drawn up, the Satisfaction of the Publick; a Point about which, I think, he is but too solicitous. At this therefore, I shall content myself with clearing the first Point of your Letter, in which you say, I thought a very difficult Thing to assign a good Reason for his Prussian Majesty's quitting Bohemia as unless the coming to a just Sense of his Error, and that Kingdom, be assigned that Reason.

I am not a German born, I cannot enter very far into the Merits of this Quarrel; but, at the same time, I can very truly say, that I do not enter into the prejudices of either Party; and, therefore, as I reason to condemn, so I am unwilling to inculpate his Prussian Majesty's Cause, by pretending to enquire the Defence of it: But, with regard to his conduct, assuredly there was nothing in it, either of Cowardice, but it was undertaken on a sense of good Sense and true Policy, and executed with the Spirit and Skill that military Prudence suggests. Some of the ablest General Officers in Germany represented to the King the Necessity of retreat, as soon as the Saxons entered Bohemia; and, give me Leave to tell you, the King was right; for he did not expect that they would have had a Yard out of their own Dominions; and rejected this Advice, tho' he received it very early, and confessed that it was the best that could be given him. The Reason why he rejected it was, he foresaw that a sudden Retreat, which he then made with Safety, tho' it might have cost his Army, yet it would have sacrificed the Kingdom, and his Dominions, for the Security of which taken up Arms. It was from the same Motive that he retired as slowly as it was possible, abandoned Post after another, and more than once attempted to surprize the Saxons, that they might oblige Charles to remain as he did with his whole Army in Bohemia, without sending any Detachment in Assistance of Count Bathani, to which he was by Orders from Vienna, and to which he was very much inclined.

It is not wonder that you discredit the Reports of his Majesty's offering the Austrians Battle; must confess, I am surpriz'd at the Reason you give for disbelieving them; viz. That if the King had been oblig'd to Fighting, he could not have been oblig'd to Bohemia without a Battle. The King, I am sure, was oblig'd to fight as you have to eat; that is, he was oblig'd to fight, and when it may be done without any Loss of greater Importance. But the Reason really the Reverse of what you seem to give; and Prince Charles, whose Stomach to me, I dare say, you do not dispute, found out the use of, a Method to drive the King out of Bohemia, without hazarding a Battle; for which his Majesty deserves great Praise, and yet the King cannot be justly blamed. In short, Sir, his Majesty was such, that we could neither raise Matters in Bohemia, nor make use of those that were before him; and his faithful Council, the Saxons, took care that we should have no other Quarter: And thus it came to pass, that, without fighting, we were oblig'd to retire, in order to get into a Country

where Subsistence was to be had. But I cannot imagine why, from this Retreat, you should conclude, that his Majesty, in this Campaign, has sacrificed his Reputation and his Army, without obtaining any Thing for himself or his Allies; whereas a little Reflection would have shewn you, that as, by his entering Bohemia, he sav'd France, so by his flow, and Soldier-like Retreat, he recover'd Bavaria for the Emperor. His Army has certainly suffer'd, and his Cavalry particularly, but not near so much as you imagine; and as for the Retreat of the Garrison of Prague, it was as well contriv'd, and as effectually executed, as that of M. Belle Isle from the same Place. It will not be long before I write to you again, and then you may expect an Answer to the rest of your Remarks; in the mean time believe me to be, &c.

## HOME PORTS.

Portsmouth, December 31. Yesterday came to Spithead, under Convoy of the Anglesa Man of War, the following Ships; viz. the Pembroke, Herbert, the Waller, Griffith, and the Serpent, Conway, for St. Kitts; the Parnassus, Johnson, for Jamaica; the Parham Club, Burton, and the Imley, Crump, for Antigua; the Volunteer, Fergus, and the Bridget, Kirwan, for Montserrat; the Nathaniel, Hill, for Gibraltar; the John and Martha, Hebbenden, for Dublin; the Marlborough Privateer, Captain Sutherland, for a Cruise; the Role, Glar, for Topsham; all from the Downs. Arrived the Success, Garter, from Lisbon; who brings Advice, 'That the Adventure Privateer, Capt. Israel, of this Place, has taken and carried into Lisbon, a French Ship, laden with Wine, Brandy, and other Goods, bound to Buenos Ayres, upwards of 300 Tons, 16 Guns, and 80 Men; the Adventure lost one Man, and the Captain was shot thro' the Hand; the French had Fourteen kill'd, and several wounded.'

Dart, December 31. Wind W. S. W. Arrived the Hunter, Duilly, and the Resolution Privateer, from a Cruise; 'The latter drove a French Brigantine from Bologne shore the 27th Inst. near that Place, and was 'was forced to leave her ashore, not being able to get 'her off.' Put back the Wager Man of War, and remain with the Princess Louisa, Harwich, and Granada Bomb, with the Dutch Ship for East India; the Havannah, Bearson, for Gibraltar; the Woolwich Transport, the Faulcon, King, and the Hoadley, Huddleston, for Portsmouth; the Plymouth Transport, Underdown, for Plymouth. Just came down the Expedition Packet Boat, Chies, for Falmouth.

Gravesend, December 31. Pass'd by the West, Gibbie, from Offend; the Rosia St. Domingo, Dias, from Oporto; and the William and Mary, Sayer, from —; the James, Tarnal, from Jamaica, wreck'd at the Spaniard.

## Arrived

At Dublin, the Salisbury, Strong, and the Eaton, Syers, from London.

## LONDON.

The King has been pleas'd to appoint the Right Hon. George Earl of Halifax, to be Master of his Majesty's Buck-Hounds.

Yesterday being New-Year's Day, the same was observed at Court as a high Festival; when the Knights Companions of the most noble Order of the Garter, Thistle, and Bath, appeared in the Collars of their respective Orders.

The same Day Sir John Barnard, Knt. President of Christ's-Hospital, presented to his Majesty, according to annual Custom, Forty Boys, educated in the said Hospital in Navigation, Mathematicks, &c. for his Majesty's Approbation.

They are likewise to be presented to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Lords of the Admiralty and Treasury.

The same Day Rich. Manning, a noted reputed Sodomite, was committed to Newgate by Sir Robert Ladbroke, for sodomitical Practices, being taken in the very Action at the Mermaid-Inn in Carter-Lane, on Monday Night, between 10 and 11 o'Clock, in Company with a young Man he had picked up and inticed thither for that Purpose; therefore it is presumed he will now meet with a just Reward, he having reigned many Years in such notorious wicked Practices.

Lent-Preachers appointed to preach before his Majesty for the Year 1744-5.

Feb. 27. Ash-Wednesday, Dean of the Chapel, Ld. Bp. of London.

March 1. Friday, Dean of York, Dr. Osbaldiston.  
3. Sunday, Lord Bishop of Oxford.  
6. Wednesday, Dr. Stebbing.  
8. Friday, Dean of Christ-Church, Dr. Conybeare.  
10. Sunday, Lord Bishop of Bristol.  
13. Wednesday, Dr. Cobden.  
15. Friday, Dean of Bath and Wells, Dr. Creswick.  
17. Sunday, Lord Bishop of Chichester.  
20. Wednesday, Dr. Young.  
22. Friday, Dean of Lincoln, Dr. Cheney.  
24. Sunday, Lord Bishop of Lincoln.  
27. Wednesday, Dr. George.  
29. Friday, Dean of Peterborough, Dr. Lamb.  
31. Sunday, Lord Bishop of St. Asaph.  
April 3. Wednesday, Mr. Hay.  
5. Friday, Dean of Rochester, Dr. Newcome.  
7. Palm Sunday, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury or York.  
10. Wednesday, Mr. Potter.  
12. Good-Friday, Dean of Westminster, Ld. Bishop of Rochester.  
14. Easter-Sunday, Lord-Almoner.

Lent-Preachers appointed to preach at his Majesty's Chapel at Whitehall, on Wednesdays and Fridays, for the Year 1744-5.

Feb. 27. Ash-Wednesday, Dean of Bristol, Dr. Chamberlain.

March 1. Friday, Dr. Knight.  
6. Wednesday, Mr. Cornwallis.  
8. Friday, Dr. Hayter.  
13. Wednesday, Dr. Gally.  
15. Friday, Dr. Lavington.  
20. Wednesday, Mr. Sleech.  
22. Friday, Mr. Lyne.  
27. Wednesday, Dr. Bulkeley.  
29. Friday, Dr. Johnson.  
April 3. Wednesday, Dr. Parnes.  
5. Friday, Dr. Whaley.  
10. Wednesday, Dr. Thomas.  
12. Good-Friday, Dean of Winchester, Dr. Pearce.

Yesterday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes in the State Lottery; viz. 31,208, 48,815, 59,469, 2,676, 10,718, 31,606, 51,685, 1001. each.

## BANKRUPT.

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